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# ***Panther Sports News***

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CHARLESTON, IL--Troy Harper's (Fox Lake/Grant-Lake County CC) record setting batting average led Eastern Illinois University's baseball team to a 29-12 record in its first season of NCAA Division I competition.

The Panthers, who still have an outside chance for a tournament berth, won 12 of their final 14 games.

Harper hit a record .453 eclipsing the previous best of .443 set last year by Tim Pyznarski, who was drafted in the first round by the Oakland A's.

"We had a great season . . . I'm particularly pleased with how well we progressed. During those last 14 games we averaged over eight runs a game," said Coach Tom McDevitt.

Overall EIU had a team batting average of .333 and scored ten or more runs in 13 of the 41 games, nearly a third of the time.

Harper had 48 hits in 106 times at bat and led the Panthers with ten homers. He also had 44 runs batted in.

Besides Harper's single season record, senior second baseman Tom Detmer (Breese-Mater Dei) set career records for most runs (124) and most at-bats (491).

Kevin Seitzer (Lincoln), who also hit over .400 for the second straight year at .416, had a team high 50 RBIs, which ties for the second best single season performance.

The sophomore third baseman is in line to set career marks for hits, doubles, runs and at-bats.

Marshall Crutcher (Tower Hill), who one-hit SIU-Carbondale last week, led the pitching staff with a 6-1 record, walking just 11 in 55 1/3 innings. Bill Morton's (Peoria-Central) 2.04 ERA as a 5-1 relief pitcher was tops.